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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA RESPONDS TO SECRETARY'S COMMENT ON CERDS(CHARTER  
ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES)

1. FROM PRESS REPORTS PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SAID MARCH 5  
THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT ON MARCH 4 TO THE HOUSE  
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ABOUT CERDS MEANS "THE ROAD TOWARD  
ACCEPTING THE CHARTER AS IT IS. IT IS INDEED A POLITICAL  
AND DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH OF THE THIRD WORLD, OF MORE THAN  
100 POOR COUNTRIES, OF WHICH MEXICO IS PART,"

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, ECHEVERRIA ADDED THAT THE  
COUNTRIES WHICH OPPOSED THE CHARTER OR ABSTAINED WERE BEGINNING TO  
ACCEPT IT AS IT IS WHILE "THERE IS NO DESIRE BY THE 120  
COUNTRIES WHICH APPROVED IT TO MODIFY IT, BECAUSE IT IS  
JUST." IN ANOTHER CONTEXT HE STATED THE CHARTER "IS AN  
AMBITIOUS PROGRAM TO ORGANIZE THE WORLD ON A MORE JUST  
BASIS WITH RECIPROCAL RESPECT."

3. ECHEVERRIA IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADDED THAT SOME COUNTRIES  
URGENTLY NEEDED TECHNOLOGY BUT AT THE SAME TIME  
NEEDED TO BE MORE ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT AND THAT  
IS THE ENTIRE PROBLEM WHICH IS BEING HANDLED WITH  
JUSTICE IN THE TERMS OF THE CHARTER. IT WAS NECESSARY TO  
HAVE A CONSCIENCE SUPERIOR TO THAT WHICH IS IMPLICIT IN  
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THE SPIRIT OF THE CHARTER BECAUSE IN THIS SO INTERCONNECTED

WORLD THERE WAS GREATER SOLIDARITY AMONG PEOPLES. THE CHARTER IS BEGINNING TO BE ACCEPTED ON ITS TERMS AND IT SHOULD BE SO CONSIDERED BECAUSE IT WAS A MAJORITY DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SPOKE BEFORE A HASTILY GATHERED PRESS CONFERENCE AT ELEVEN IN THE EVENING AT A TECHNICAL SCHOOL HE WAS VISITING IN SINALOA.

5. EL NACIONAL, A NEWSPAPER WHICH CLOSELY REFLECTS GOM VIEWS, HAD A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL MARCH 8 ON THE SAME SUBJECT. IT STATED THAT "THERE COULD BE NO MODIFICATION OF THE POSTULATES OF THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES. NONE OF THE STATES WHICH HAVE APPROVED IT WILL ACCEPT CHANGES WHICH WOULD SIGNIFY A RENUNCIATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES TO DISPOSE OF THEIR RESOURCES AND DECIDE WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE THE BEST WAY TO EXPLOIT THEM."  
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